

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning



Planning for the Challenges Ahead

November 9, 2017

TO:

Doug Smith, Chair

David W. Louie, Vice Chair Laura Shell, Commissioner Elvin W. Moon, Commissioner Pat Modugno, Commissioner

FROM:

Mi Kim, Supervising Regional Planner

Community Studies East Section

Project No. R2010-01687-(2), Advance Planning No. RPPL2017007677, Advance Planning No. 2017006041, Zone Change No. ZC-201500003

RPC Meeting: November 15, 2017

Agenda Item: 8

Please find enclosed public comments submitted in support of the above referenced item, received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Regional Planning Commission.

If you need further information, please contact Mi Kim at (213) 974-6425 or mkim@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

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Enclosures:

Four (4) public comment letters

Antwerp Environmental Block Organization (AEBO)

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William O Allen President George Wright Vice-President Alice Williams Secretary

November 6, 2017

Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman Supervisor, Second District 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 9001

Re: Regional Planning Implementation - Florence-Firestone Community Plan

Dear Supervisor Ridley-Thomas:

As members of the Antwerp Environmental Block Organization (AEBO), we are obligated to submit this correspondence to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as it relates to pertinent matters which directly affect our community.

In reviewing and analyzing the Implementation section of the Los Angeles Regional Planning Department's Community Plan as it relates to the Florence-Firestone Community, we herewith submit our recommendations for the Board's consideration and, hopefully, its, members will sincerely consider our concerns in rendering their final decisions. We approve the overall concept of the Community Plan.

The following listings from Chapter 5 of the Plan's Implementation Section are measures we highly recommend: INCREASE HOUSING: Items #5, 6; MIX OF LAND USES: #7; FACILITY, OPERATIONS: #16, 17, 18; LAND USE CONFLICTS AND IMPACTS: #20, 23, 27; RESOLVING LAND USE INCOMPATIBILITY: #28, 29; ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: #36; COMMUNITY IDENTITY: #46; COMMUITY BEAUTIFICATION: #52, 53; AREA FOCUSED GROWTH INVESTMENT: #60, 61; ENHANCE AND INCREASE RECEATONAL OPPORTUNITIES: #68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75; COMMUNITY SAFETY: #80, 81, 82; ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN: #83, 84; HEALTHY FOOD: #87, 89; COUNTY FACILITIES: 90, 91, 93; COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND PRESERVATION: #94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.

In your role as Representative of our community, your service has been excellent and has always been appreciated to the utmost. This is why we feel certain you will do as much as possible to accommodate your constituents when the purpose is to improve the community. For this we are most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

William Allen, President

cc: Regional Planning Dept.

Adrine Arakelian

From: DARYL KOONCE <kooncedaryl@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 5:11 AM
To: Jonathan P. Bell; Adrine Arakelian
Subject: FlorenceFirestone Community Plan

Hello,i daryl koonce a 43 year resident of FlorenceFirestone would love to show my full support for the FlorenceFirestone Community Plan and everything included in it

Adrine Arakelian

From: Tamayo, Sandra@DOR <Sandra.Tamayo@dor.ca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Adrine Arakelian; Jonathan P. Bell

Subject: Florence-Firestone Community Plan 2017

Dear Los Angeles County Regional Planning,

As a long time resident of Florence-Firestone, I would like to express my support of the Florence Firestone Community Plan 2017. The Los Angeles County Regional Planning has conducted a very thorough study on my community and have pin-pointed all of the needs. I found the plan to be very detailed, it focused not only on the needs of the community in terms of residential but also the industrial and commercial zoning. I also found it to be very informative in terms of highlighting our rich and diverse history along with providing demographics. I am very much appreciative that the county has taken the time to write this plan to help revitalize our unincorporated community. Some of the items listed that I am most supportive of are;

Residential Areas: #1, 3, 6 and 9

Industrial Areas: #15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23

Environmental Justice: # 28-36

Connectivity: # 37-42

Transit Oriented Districts: # 43-44

Community Identity: #45, 46, 47, 48 and 53

Economic Development: #66

Parks and Recreation: #67, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 75

Safety and Health: #80, 84, 87 and 89

Public Facilities: #93

Building Partnerships: #96, 97, 98, 99

As a government employee for the state of California, I am familiar with the timeline of implementation of polices and procedures and understand that without community support, this plan will be in jeopardy of becoming a reality. You have my full support as a resident of this community and can be reached by phone, email or hard mail. Thank you very much, I really wish I was able to attend the hearing coming up on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, but unfortunately I am not able to take the time off from work.

Sincerely,

Sandra Tamayo

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November 9, 2017

The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor, Second District County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: LA County Department of Regional Planning – Florence-Firestone Community Plan

Dear Supervisor Ridley-Thomas,

I am submitting here this letter to you regarding the Florence Firestone Community Plan. I have followed the creation of this plan as a longtime resident of this community, and now as an active member of local community organizations in the area. This community plan is of great importance to the continued improvement and revitalization of our community.

I have taken the time to review the plan and consider it a thorough study of our community's needs which drew on the input from community residents, business owners, and groups. Among those needs are economic development, community investment, an increase in parks and recreational opportunities, and the need to build on our community's identity. In order to address these needs, the county has listed ways to implement the community plan in Chapter 5. I approve of the overall concept and implementation of the Community Plan. That being said, I also wish to see the investment of all County departments (Regional Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, etc.) in faithfully carrying the measures to fruition. I believe that if implemented, many of these measures will improve the quality of life for our community and pave the way for continued investment in our businesses.

The following areas of focus in the Implementation Section of the Community Plan are of special importance for our community: Increase Housing, Transit Friendly Development, Incentivizing Green Industry, Increasing Open Space and Parks, Community Partnerships, Community Identity and Place-Making, Labor Force Development, Revitalization of Commercial and Industrial Businesses, Land Use Conflicts and Impacts.

I appreciate the services that you have provided to our community and I feel certain that you will do as much as possible to provide opportunities with the purpose of improving our community through this Florence Firestone Community Plan.

With all due respect,

Frika Pinto

CC: County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning